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Tu ne quæſieris ſcire (nefas) quem mihi, quem tibi
Finem Di derint. —— Hor. Carm. I. 11.

A Diſcourſe read before the Grubæan Society, concerning the Almanacks for the year 1731, by WILLIAM BICKERSTAFF, Eſq;

THE knowledge of Futurity has been ſo much thirſted after, from the firſt ages down to the preſent time: that thoſe, who are poſſeſſed of it, have been always held in the higheſt eſteem. Magicians, Aſtrologers, Pro-Prophets, Augurs were ſo regarded among the ancients; that no King would enter on any important affair; no General would begin a battle, without their approbation. Nay, even the greateſt Monarchs have exerciſed theſe arts; and placed themſelves at the head of thoſe, who profeſſed them. The honours and profits, which have juſtly attended ſuch noble and uſeful profeſſions, have been the cauſe that many illiterate and ill-deſigning perſons have attempted to gueſs at future events, without being acquainted with thoſe arts, by which alone they are to be known. The ignorance of theſe pretenders to ſcience has brought the art itſelf into contempt: and many have entertained an opinion, that the knowledge of futurity is, in its own nature, impoſſible. I remember, that ſome years ago one of theſe pretenders picked up a great deal of money, by giving people advice in chooſing lottery tickets. He had a ſhilling of every one who conſulted him, and eighteen pence more, if the ticket recommended came up a prize. On theſe conditions the Fellow would have recommended every ticket in the Lottery. The ſieve and ſhears, coffee-grounds, and many other ſuch like fooleries, are too trifling for me to take any notice of them.

I hope I ſhall not offend this illuſtrious Society, if I declare that this diſcourſe is levelled againſt ſome of its Members. I mean the writers of the common Almanacks: whoſe ignorance was ſo well expoſed above twenty years ago by my late learned Uncle, ISAAC BICKERSTAFF, Eſq; that it is ſurprizing, that they are able any longer to impoſe upon the publick. He abundantly vindicated the noble art of Aſtrology, by publiſhing a ſet of predictions, every one of which, you all know, was exactly fulfilled: One prediction, indeed, drew on him a troubleſome debate with one PARTRIDGE, an Almanack writer at that time: whom he ſhewed to be ſo ignorant of futurity, as not to foreſee his own death: which my Unkle exactly foretold. This man was ſo impertinent as not to own his being dead: and even abuſed my Unkle for affirming it. But the truth of his aſſertion has been long ſince acknowledged univerſally; tho' ſome body ſtill takes the liberty to publiſh Almanacks under the name of PARTRIDGE. The ignorance of theſe men muſt needs be evident to all impartial perſons, who will but give themſelves the trouble to compare their various, and even contradictory predictions for the next year. I have conſidered ſeventeen of theſe Almanacks, and thrown their predictions of the weather for the month of January into a ſcheme; by which you may ſee at one view, what credit is to be given to theſe Gentlemen.

Ja	*Gadbury*	*Partridge*	*Andrews*	*Coley*	*Lane,*	*Pearſe*	*Saunders*	*J. Wing*	*Moore*	*Swallow*	*Culpepper*	*Fly*	*Perkins*	*Trigge*	*Weaver*	*Cambridg*	*V. Wing*
1	The year	Cold cloudy weath.	The year	The year	Cold winterly weather begins the year.	Mild	Cold, raw and moiſt weather at the beginning, then wind and ſtorms bringing ſnow or cold rain, and will probably continue rough and turbulent till	Cold rain or ſleet.	About this time the wind will blow, And to us produce ſome rain or ſnow. Cold rain or ſnow, and if it hits, About this time ſome froſt by fits. And now you may expect again Some ſnow as alſo wind and rain. Before this month out does go, It will produce both froſt and ſnow.	Froſty mornings.	Froſty and fair.	Inclin'd to wet with cold winds.	Snow or cold rain.	Froſt & ſnow.	Sleet or ſhowers now about.	Sharp freezing weath.	Cold pinching froſt. Cloudy & very cold.
2	begins		begins with good	is uſher'd in with													
3				very ſeaſonable and													
4	with cold	Snow or	ſeaſonable and	wholeſome		air											
5	flabby	ſleet is															
6					Froſt like	Froſty											
7	weather	now expected.	healthful weather.	weather.				Now cold & cloudy		Windy and cold			Sharp froſts with ſnow or ſleet.	Cloudy and cold ſnow or ſleet.		Cloudy & cold.	
8																	
9		Froſt like, whichſoon turns to rain or			weather.	morn-					winds & cloudy						
10																	
11			Now variety of cold	Now plenty of cold rain or ſnow and bluſtering winds for ſome days, mild and good weather.	Cold	Stormy		ſtorms of ſnow now near this time. Froſty & cold ſome days. Wind with frequent ſhowers. Cold ſtormy weath. at this time.		Snow or cold rain.	Cold rain, ſnow, or ſleet.	Froſty.	Windy & ſtormy, with plenty of downfal. Very winter like we. Froſt with ſome pleaſant days.		Rough winds, perhaps froſt & ſnow.	Snow or cold rain.	Snow or cold rain.
12																	
13																	
14	Some ſnow		rain and		wind, being over caſt for ſnow or cold rain now about.	weather	after the Full Moon and then we may expect ſome ſharp froſts, but not of long continuance; but followed with high wind & ſtorms with ſome downfal of ſnow or rain; Now ſome moderate froſts, with mild and pleaſ. days. (except ſome ſtormy weather and about the New Moon) may expect mild and temperate to the end.			A moiſt air and tempe rate.	Open weath. for ſome days fair. Snow	Windy with rain or ſnow. A froſty air. Winds with rain.			Windy and bad weath. Froſty & very cold. Store of winter weath.	Much winter weath. Snow or ſleet. Froſt with ſnow or ſleet.
15	about this	cold ſleet.	ſnow, but														
16	time		ſoon more														
17		Now	mild and														
18		more fair.	fair.														
19																	
20	Much rain	Very cold,	Pretty			Cold											
21	towards	but ſoon	good for			winds.											
22	the latter		the ſeaſon.														
23																	
24		an			Cloſe air												
25																	
26			High	High	and probably	Snow or				Windy	or rain	Stormy	Froſt				
27	end of the	abatement	winds and	winds		cold				weath.	now a-	weath.	with				
28		with open	very ſevere	and very							bouts.	doing	ſome		with		
29	month.	windy	weather	cold ſnow								hurt.	pleaſant		open	Store of	Froſt with
30		weather.	in its kind.	and ſevere	wet.	rain.							days.	Winds with rain.	weath.	winter weath.	ſnow or fleet.
31				weather.													

You ſee, Gentlemen, by this ſcheme, that the rules on which theſe Pretenders found their knowledge, are no rules. For how, otherwiſe, could they differ ſo widely, in ſo many particulars in the account of one ſingle month?

But whilſt I am expoſing the falſe pretenſions of theſe men, I hope no member of this learned body will imagine, that I intend to decry the art of Aſtrology itſelf. Far be that from me: I have too often ſeen the predictions, which ſome of my learned Friends and I myſelf have made, on juſt calculations formed on the true rules of this noble art, exactly fulfilled, to have the leaſt doubt in this matter. An error has, indeed, ſometime happened in a calculation: but that is to be imputed, not to the art, but to the negligence or inattention of its Profeſſors. I am ſure I can ſay, without vanity, that the calculations which I have made for ſome years, have very ſeldom proved erroneous. But as I have laid before you the groundleſs predictions of the ſeveral writers of Almanacks, you will, not without reaſon, expect that I ſhould produce my own calculations: which I am ready to do for the month of January.

This month will begin with a hard froſt, which will continue for about a week. Then we may expect ſome ſlabby unpleaſant weather, till the Full moon: when the froſt will return, with bluſtering winds and great drifts of ſnow, by fits, till the New moon: after which we may hope for fine ſeaſonable weather, to the end of the month.

If what theſe Gentlemen tell us of the weather be precarious: their political predictions are ſtill more contemptible. 'This month, ſays GADBURY (ſpeaking of Januaſry) the hoſtile Mars enters into the houſe of Jupiter, 'and immediately ſalutes him with an angry oppoſition 'from his own houſe. This ſtirs up tumultuous and ſe'ditious ſpirits to beat the air, and plow the clouds, and 'reap a crop of wind. PARTRIDGE tells us, 'We have in 'this month an oppoſition of Mars and Jupiter, and a 'conjunction of Mars and Saturn in ♓, whoſe effects will 'manifeſt themſelves in ſeveral parts of the world. ANDREWS ſays, 'Some untoward deſigns are now in agitati'on, and many cloſe contrivances and underhand deal'ings, but a little more time will diſcover their intrigues, 'and ſet all things to rights. COLEY uſes almoſt the very ſame words with ANDREWS, as does alſo the learned Dr. MOORE, only this laſt adds, 'That many perſons that 'thought themſelves ſecure, are now brought to a con'feſſion of their Iniquity. WEAVER ſpeaks much to the ſame purpoſe, ſaying, 'Uproars and tumults, with ſedi'tious conſpiracies, are about this time in agitation. Sure no man need have recourſe to any rules of art, to form ſuch wretched predictions; which every ſchool-boy might gueſs without any rule at all. JOHN WING ſays nothing this whole month, but *Great and unexpected News.* A great and unexpected affair will indeed happen about the end of this month, but I defy him to tell what it is: tho' I intend myſelf to explain it to you by and by. But all theſe are exceeded by that ridiculous ſhadow of a prediction, in PEARSE:

As touching what the ſtarry rules relate,
Mundane affairs are in a mode'ate ſtate.

But enough of theſe triflers. I ſhall now proceed to lay before you the Predictions which I have formed myſelf: and will ſtake all the reputation I have in the world, on the fulfilling of them.

The Conjunction of ☿ and ♀ on the fourth day ſignifies an unexpected concluſion of a marriage. The Conjunction of ☉ and ☿ on the tenth foretels it will be brought to light about that time. The Oppoſition of ♃ and ♂ from ♍ and ♓, at the time of the Full moon, ♃ being retrograde, ſhews that a great man will be almoſt forced into a war, againſt his inclinations. The Conjunction of ♄ and ♂ on the twenty ſeventh, ſignifies great military preparations in Germany, or ſome of the more northern kingdoms: and the Sextile of ♂ and ♀ on the laſt day, foretels ſome more pacifick appearances, cauſed by the diſappointment, and, perhaps, death of a certain great Lady: which I take to be the Great and unexpected News *hinted at* in Mr. Wing's Almanack. I hope, Gentlemen, that you will all carefully obſerve the fulfilling of every one of the Predictions: and am contented that you ſhould hereafter meaſure your eſteem of me by the truth of them.

LONDON.

Important Articles of news omitted in our laſt.

Mond. evening a poor man, much in liquor, coming croſs Moor-fields, was knocked down [a ſecond time] &c. and robbed of his hat and wig. *C. Dec.* 10. — Yeſterday morning a Farmer at Ware, coming to Town, was robbed by 2 Foot-pads of a guinea, &c. *C. Dec.* 11. — Laſt night the Wife of Mr. Grovehouſe of Wych-ſtreet, was buried in Bunhill-fields in a very ſplendid manner. *C. Dec.* 12. —— Sund. died in Mare-ſtreet, Hackney, the Relict of ——— Carter, Eſq; &c. *P.* — Laſt thurſ. one Kingſton, who uſed to hawk pens, wax, &c. about ſtreets, cut his throat from ear to ear, &c. *D J.* — Laſt week died Mr. Girkin, Livery-ſervant to the Princeſs Royal. *C. Dec.* 14.——— Frid. laſt died Mr. Stafford, an Attorney of Grays-Inn. *D P.*

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 17.

On thurſd. the 3d inſt. came on the election of Governor, Dep. Governor, and Aſſiſtants of the Company of Mineral and Battery works, &c. There was a great ſtruggle about the choice of a Dep. Governor, when Sir Fiſher Tench, Bar. was choſen in the room of Kingſmill Eyre, Eſq; by a majority of 5 votes. *P. EP. SJ. LE.*

We are aſſured Mr. Baker, firſt Yeoman of the Ewry, will ſucceed Mr. Badneſh, as Gentleman of the Ewry. *P.* — Mr. Barker. *WE.* —— We hear that Mr. Ric. Blakeſmoor, Gent. to the E. of Cheſterfield, will ſucceed Tho Badnech, Eſq; &c. *DP. EP. SJ. LE.* —— The D J. *of Dec.* 15. *ſaid*, Mr. Barker was appointed to ſucceed him.

Laſt tueſd. Mr. Dunn, a Felmonger in High Wycomb, getting up about 5 in the morning, a perſon went up ſtairs where his Wife was in bed: and having a caſe knife in his hand, laid it to her throat, and threatning her, if ſhe did not declare where the money was, he would kill her inſtantly: in the fright ſhe told him, and he found about 50 guineas, and a crown in ſilver, and tore the ear-rings out of her ears, took the rings off her fingers, and a gold chain from her neck. When the villain was gone, ſhe went down ſtairs. Purſuit was made but in vain, for the rogue got off undiſcovered. *P. EP. SJ.* — *It is often of dangerous conſequence, for a* Husband *to leave his* Wife in bed *ſo early* in a morning.

Laſt week the following Warrants under his Majeſty's ſign Manual, were iſſued out from the D. of Newc ſtle's office to the ſeveral Gentlemen undernamed, for employments in Carolina. —— For South-Carolina: Rich. Wright, Eſq; to be Ch. Juſtice; John Hammerton, Eſq; to be Secretary during life; Jam. Abercrombie, Eſq; Attorney-General; Mr. Tho Lownds, Provoſt Marſhal for life. ——— For North Carolina: Joh. Smith, Eſq; Ch. Juſtice; Nath. Rice, Eſq; Secretary; Jam. Montgomery, Eſq; Attorney-General; Joh. Hilton, Eſq; Provoſt-Marſhal. *E P.*

A few days ſince, Sir Har. Hicks, Bar. was knocked down, and cut in a terrible manner, by 2 Street-robbers, in Doctors-Commons, about 5 in the even. where he lay inſenſible, and loſt near a pint of blood. The villains made off, being frighten'd by ſome Perſons that appeared, and took nothing from him. *C. WE. LE.*

A few days ſince a curious Buſto of the R. H Sir Rob. Walpole, done by Mr. Riesbach, was ſent down to Houghton in Norfolk. *D P. E P. S J. W E.* Riesbrach. *LE.*

Monmouth, Dec. 9. On ſund. evening a threatning letter was taken up, directed to Mr. Belchier, [printed in *D J.*] This alarmed the whole Town, and the Magiſtrates making a diligent ſearch, 2 men and 1 woman were taken up: the latter made her eſcape, but was ſoon retaken, and committed to gaol. A pen, ink, and paper were found in her lodgings. About 9 at night ſhe was found dead, hanging in her ſilk garters: we hear her name is Anne Brotherton, born of good parentage in Warwickſhire, and that her Husband lives at Eveſham in Worceſterſhire, from whom ſhe eloped ſome time ago, and hath ſince lived a lewd and profligate life. *D J.* 4 *Ev.* —— *It is no wonder* Mrs. Brotherton hang'd *herſelf* in her ſilk garters, *being ſo deſperately in love.*

Glouceſter, Dec. 12. John and Roger Lorrey, going thro' the Devizes ſund. laſt, about 9 in the even. on horſes without ſaddles, were apprehended; and John ſoon confeſs'd they had ſtolen the horſes. Upon farther examination they ſaid, that a perſon who goes by the name of Ned, and lives near Bath, declared, that he ſent the letter to Mr. Packer; and Roger ſays, that Ned declared to him, that he fired the houſe; and John ſaith, that he ſaw Ned and his brother Roger together writing about 14 letters, one of which he ſaw dropt from one of them near the King's Bath. Ned was immediately taken up, and denied that he knew any thing of the matter: he is committed to Ilcheſter goal, and John and Roger to Salisbury: we hear the 2 latter were ſervants to Mr. Roberts of Briſtol. *Ibid.* —— John and Roger *were but ill equipped for a journey: the want of* ſaddles *being a great hinderance. — Little heed I think is to be given, without other concurrent circumſtances, to what either* Roger ſays, *or* John ſaith, *they ſeeming reſolved to hang poor* Ned, *to ſave their own necks.*

Mond. night a letter was dropt by ſome of the Incendiaries, between the hatch and the door of Mr. Miller, a Glover in Moorfields. *E P. S J. W E.*

Sir Ja. Thornhil and M. le Blon have now finiſhed their Copies, each in his different way, of the famous Cartoons of Raphael, with which ſeveral Virtuoſi have been extremely delighted, &c. *E P. S J.*

Tueſd. night one Whaley, with her 2 ſons, were committed to the new goal in Southwark, for cutting off Mrs. Jane Kent's pocket in the Graveſend Tilt-boat. *E P. W E.* — *It ſeems hard to confine a poor induſtrious* Woman *to ſuch a ſhop, for bringing up* her 2 ſons to her *own buſineſs, which requires none.*

Col. Cosby i appointed Governor of the Leeward Iſlands. *S J. L E.* In *D P. Dec.* 18.

We hear that a Conge d'Elire is ordered to be directed to the Dean and Chapter of Litchfield and Coventry, for electing the Rev. Mr. Dean Clagget into that Biſhoprick, &c. *L E.*

Letters from Wincheſter ſay, that Sir Sim. Clarke, Bar. and one who ſays he was a Lieut. of a Man of War, were committed to the Goal there, for 2 robberies on the Highway, near Petersfield in Hants, taking 12 ſhillings from one man, and 26 from another. The laſt purſued them to Petersfield, and took them drinking at an Alehouſe. The unfortunate young Bar. is about 24 years of age, of an ancient family in Warwickſhire, &c. The eſtate of 2000 l. per ann. was ſold by the Grandfather of Sir Simon; who being left by his father very poor, was obliged to go to ſea in 1726. Since his return, being in very low circumſtances, mere neceſſity drove him to this raſh action. He is ſaid to be a perſon of good underſtanding, and it is almoſt impoſſible to deſcribe the affliction his misfortunes have brought him to. He lies in a poor condition in Wincheſter Goal, and, its hoped, for the antiquity of his family, the good they have done the publick, the misfortunes he has ſuffered, and its being the firſt fact he was ever charged with, ſome generous perſon will be moved to aſſiſt him. *L E.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 18.

Mond. laſt, at midnight, the dwelling houſe of Will. Kingsford, Eſq; at Chartram, within 5 miles of Canterbury, was conſumed by fire in about 2 hours time. Thoſe that were in the houſe, were forced to leave their beds naked, and eſcape by ladders out of the windows. No one, as yet, is able to form an Idea how it began: his furniture, together with his plate, jewels, and all his writings, are conſumed. The whole loſs is computed at about 10,000 l. *C.*

Laſt night the K. and Q. &c. were at the Theatre-Royal in Drury-lane, to ſee the Tempeſt, and the Maſque of Cephalus, &c. with the Pantomime, called Harlequin Grand-Volgi. This is the 3d time their Majeſties, &c. have honoured the performance of that Entertainment with their Royal preſence. *D P.*

Deal, Dec. 13. We hear from Sutton, 3 miles from this place, that Mr. May had an incendiary letter brought to him by his ſervant: whereupon he ſent to Sir Rob. Furneſe, who cauſing the ſaid ſervant to write, it appeared, that altho' he avoided to write as uſual, yet by ſeveral of the letters, the hand-writing was the ſame. *D J.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 19.

Yeſterday John Lewis and John Jones ſtood on the pillory at the Royal Exchange, for conſpiring to charge John Battle with Sodomy, and extorting money from him on that pretence. They were ſeverely handled by the populace. *C. &c.*

Thurſd. morn. a great number of idle and diſorderly perſons, apprehended the night before, were examined by Sir John Gonſon, &c. of them 2 men and 5 women were committed to Tothill-fields Bridewell, to hard labour. One of the men was taken as he was cutting lead out of the gutter of an empty houſe in George-yard in Dean-ſtreet; and is the ſame man who on mond laſt was whipt round Soho-ſquare, for ſtealing lead. *D P. D J. E P. S J. L E.* —— He was taken again in the ſame gutter, cutting more lead. *P. W E.* — *He ought, I think, to be* whipt round Soho-ſquare 3 *times at leaſt, with the* ſtolen lead *upon his back.*

Wedn. Mr. Hobbs was ſworn in Meſſenger of the Robes to his Majeſty. *P. WE.*

We hear that the Welſh Copper Company have lett the working of one of their rich Lead Mines, called the Garrows in Cornwall, to Mr. Edm. Moore, who, before the Company was poſſeſs'd thereof, wrought the ſame, and produced 120 ounces of ſilver from every ton of Lead. He is to raiſe the Ore at his own expence, and to deliver the ſame to the Directors at a price certain, &c. *D J. S J.*

Thurſd. night, the Cook at the King's-arms Tavern in Pall-Mall, going to bed between 12 and 1, found a man wrapt up in the bed-cloaths; which put him into ſuch a ſurprize, that he made his eſcape down ſtairs into the ſtreets, and ran a great way before he could be taken: upon his examination he confeſſed, that a Woman put him upon concealing himſelf in the houſe, &c. that his name was Will. Ferril, born in Ireland; and that he lived lately as a Footman with one Mr. Shepherd at the Bath: the Juſtice committed him to Newgate. *D P.* 4 *Ev.* —— Yeſterday one Will. Farral, an Iriſhman, who, as he ſaid, lately ſerved Beau Naſh, was committed to Newgate, for ſtealing linnen, &c from the King's-arms Tavern in Pall-Mall. *P.* —— *This account of* Will. Ferril *ſeems to have been written by one of his* Country-men. The Cook *was in no* ſurprize *at* finding a man wrapt up in the bed-cloaths, *but* put *the poor man* into ſuch a ſurprize, that he made his eſcape, *which* a ſurprize *generally hinders: as did his at laſt, for he was* ſurpriſed *a ſecond time, and* taken.

We hear that the Queen having had a very advantageous character of the Figures, repreſenting the Court of France, and all copy'd from the life, by that celebrated Artiſt Mr. Goſſett, ordered them to be brought to Cour, and an apartment being appointed for the placing them, they were ſeen by their Majeſties, and the Royal Family, on wedneſday, with the higheſt approbation; and the Q. was ſo delighted, that ſhe immediately ordered Mr. Goſſett to ſend for the Engliſh Court, which their Majeſties alſo ſaw with the utmoſt ſatisfaction, and her Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to make the Artiſt a very handſome preſent; ſo that now theſe Figures have had the approbation of the Engliſh and French Courts. *D P. S J. L E.* —— *The Royal notice and munificence is the greateſt incouragement to all ingenious and ingenuous Arts.*

An infallible Cure for the bite of a mad dog. — Take 6 ounces of rue, clean'd, pick'd, and bruis'd: 4 ounces of garlick, peel'd and bruis'd: 4 ounces of Venice treacle: 4 ounces of fil'd pewter, or ſcrap'd tin. Boil theſe in 2 quarts of the beſt ale, in a pan cover'd cloſe, over a gentle fire, for 1 hour; then ſtrain the ingredients from the liquor. Give 8 or 9 ſpoonfuls of it warm to a Man or Woman 3 mornings faſting, and cold to any beaſt faſting: 8 or 9 ſpoonfuls is ſufficient for the ſtrongeſt, a leſs quantity to thoſe younger, or of a weaker conſtitution; 10 or 12 for a horſe or bullock; 3, 4, or 5 for a ſheep, hog, or dog. This muſt be given within 9 days after the bite; and never fails either in man or beaſt. If you can conveniently, bind ſome of the ingredients on the wound. *P. 4 Ev.* —— *This, if not* an infallible, *is certainly a much more agreeable medicine, than that which is generally uſed in this caſe, and in that of matrimony, I mean,* Patience upon force. —— *If it be inconvenient to* ſtrain the ingredients from the liquor, *it will do as well to* ſtrain the liquor from the ingredients.

This day Will Halliwell, the old Beadle, and Will. Huggins, the young Waterman ſtood in the pillory in S. Paul's Church-yard, for ſodomitical practices on the great ſtaircaſe leading to the top of S. Paul's. Halliwell is alſo to pay 40 l. fine, and to ſuffer 6 months impriſonment, and Huggins to ſuffer 8. 4 *Ev.*—They were ſeverely handled by the Populace, who tore their cloaths off their backs, and then whipt them deſperately, and pelted them with mud, rotten eggs, &c. They were taken down 25 minutes before their time was expired, on account they were judg'd to be expiring. Yeſterday Hollowell lay at the point of death. *D J. Dec.* 21.

Thurſd. the C. de Broglio, Ambaſſador Extr. from the K. of France, gave a very magnificent entertainment at his houſe in Piccadilly, to ſeveral Ambaſſadors, &c. at which were preſent the R. H. the L. Mayor and the Lady Mayoreſs. *S J. W E.*

An effectual ſtop is put to the going of counterfeit halfpence, which have gone ſo current for ſeveral years, which has been occaſioned by the Maker's delivering out 6 s. worth for 5 s in ſilver. *S J.*

Thurſd. laſt Mr. Joſ. Crew was appointed Collector of the Cuſtoms at the Port of Exeter. *L E.* *In* C. *and* D P. *Dec.* 21.

MONDAY, *Dec.* 21.

Sat. Phil. Powis, Eſq; Nephew to Sir Littleton Powis, was married to Miſs Lybbe, of Oxfordſhire, a fortune of 40,000 l. *C. D P.*

The ſame day Count Naſſau, Brother to the Earl of Grantham, arrived here from Holland. *Ibid.* And the L. Middleſex [eldeſt] ſon to the D. of Dorſet, ſet out for his travels, for France, Italy, &c. *P.*

Sat. night about 11, a fire broke out near Union ſtairs, Wapping, which conſumed 4 houſes and a pile of Deals. *P.* — Yeſterday morn. about 2, &c. which burnt 3 houſes and 2 piles of Deal boards. *D P.* About 1 in the morn. a fire broke out at a Glazier's, near Union ſtairs in Wapping, which, in a ſhort ſpace conſumed the ſame, and another adjoining, &c. *D J.* [i. e. the ſame Union ſtairs, &c.] —— The ſame day 11 perſons were committed to New Priſon, and 1 to Newgate, for ſtealing at the ſaid fire. *P. D J.*

Yeſterday, about noon, and not before, the dead Warrant came down to Newgate, ordering the execution of the Malefactors at Tyburn, wedneſday next. *D J.* Their names are Ab. White, Franc. Saunders, John Mines, Rob. Tyler, Will. Brabyn, James Hall, John Barnet, Will. Holland, Pet. Norman, John Smith, Rich. Smith, and Will. Whitford, all for Street-robberies; and Joſhua Cornwall for Burglary. —— *The* P. *of Sat. Dec.* 19. *ſays*, the dead Warrant came down laſt night

A new Comedy called the Spendthrift, is now getting up at the new Theatre in the Hay-market, which, we hear, bids fair for the beſt performance of that ſort the Town is likely to be entertained with this ſeaſon. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 22.

Friday laſt 2 perſons were committed to Wincheſter Goal, for ſending a threatning letter to Dr. Cooke of the Iſle of Wight, 1 his confeſſed the fact. *D J.*

Yeſterday John Jones and John Lewes ſtood in the pillory in Crutched Friars. *C. D P. D J.* and were ſo ſeverely treated by the mob, that it is thought they cannot recover. *P.*

The ſame day a reprieve came down to Newgate during his Majeſty's pleaſure, for Joſhua Cornwall. *P.* —— Laſt night a reprieve came down to Newgate for reſpiting the execution of Charles Ray, condemn'd for ſtealing 5 watches; and he is ſhortly to undergo the experiment of having the drum of his ear cut out, and is afterwards to have his Majeſty's moſt gracious free pardon. *D J.*

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Penny, Rector of Beddington in Surry, had the honour to kiſs the King's hand, &c. on his being appointed Dean of Litchfield and Coventry. *D P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 23.

One Margaret Coe, of the Pariſh of St. Saviour, Southwark, Died a few Days ſince, in the 104th Year of her Age. She was 21 years old when King Charles the Firſt was beheaded, and was a ſervant at Whitehall; ſhe ſaw the Executioner hold up the Head after he had cut it off, and remember'd the diſmal Groan that was made by the vaſt multitude of ſpectators when the fatal blow was given; her husband was afterwards waterman to King Charles the Second, and kept his Fiſh-ponds in Southwark, which have ſince been fill'd up. She liv'd upon Milk-Diet for about twenty years paſt, not eating any fleſh all the time. *D P.*

Sir Jeremy Sambroke, Bar. ſtands a Candidate to repreſent the Town of Bedford in Parliament, in the Room of James Medcalfe, Eſq; deceaſed. *Ibid.*

From the Pegaſus in Grub-ſtreet.

This day the 13 Malefactors were executed at Tyburn.

A paraphraſtical Variation of an Epigram printed in our laſt *Journal*, done by a Poetical Alehouſe-keeper at Iſlington, who ſeems already to excell his Brother at the Red Lion in W——, and may in time riſe to the fame of a much more celebrated Brother, that ingenious Member of our Society Mr. EDWARD WARD.

In ancient days, when penſions, bribes, and ſcreens
Were things unknown in Senate, and at Court;
Then was the glorious time, when Kings and Queens
For pride kept Poets, and kept Fools for ſport:
But now frugality, which bears ſuch rule,
Joins pride and ſport, a POET and a FOOL.

AN EPIGRAM.

WHen POPE diſplay'd in pompous rhime
The reign of *Dullneſs* in our clime;
EUSDEN (quoth he) *ſhall wear the Bays,*
CIBBER be *Chancellour of plays!*
When EUSDEN ſtoop'd, alaſs! to fate,
CIBBER upheld alone her ſtate:
Then for one place ſhe gave him two;
No other way the Goddeſs knew
Her own out-doings to out doe.

A Queſtion by ANONYMOUS.

TELL, if you can, which did the worſe,
Caligula, or Gr——n's Gr—ce?
That made a Conſul of a Horſe,
And this a Laureate of an Aſs.

An Anſwer by Mr. MAVIUS.

TO Roman Souls what more contemptuous deed,
Than o'er their heads to place a neighing Steed?
Our CAPTAIN ſaw the proud, tyrannick ſway,
Where HOUYHNHNMS govern, and YAHOOS obey:
Unnatural rule! — But here in Britiſh climes,
Where in lewd Proſe, or luſcious Ballad rhimes,
Our Poets write the ſentiments of Brutes;
Where Players, turn'd to Pantomimic Mutes,
In dance expreſs the *black*, laſcivious *Joke*,
On Pagan Stage ne'er acted, nor e'en ſpoke:
Where, whether they applaud or damn the Play,
Beaus, Cits, Clerks, Prentices like Aſſes bray;
Who better than an Ass with laurell'd pride
O'er Authors, Actors, Audience can preſide?

Our Correſpondents are deſired to ſend us no more Verſes relating to this Subject, which turn upon the Genteel Appellations of *Fool* and *Aſs*; all the wit which can be produced from them having been anticipated in theſe and ſome preceding Copies.

ANSWER to an EPIGRAM printed in the *S. James's Evening Poſt*, ſat. *Dec.* 12. and ending

Admire a VIRGIL, *and diſdain a* POPE.

IF none muſt be admir'd but Poets born,
Admire a HOMER, and a VIRGIL ſcorn;
Admire a HORACE, and contemn BOILEAU;
Admire a DRYDEN, and deſpiſe a ROWE;
But if on ſuch as theſe with ſcorn we look;
What muſt be done to W—— D, T—— D, C—— K?
Scorn were too little from each honeſt Briton;
Theſe ſhould be pump'd, duck'd, pillory'd, piſt, and ſh—on.

Edinburgh, Dec. 10. They write from Dumfarinling that the hon. Sir Hen. Wardlaw, Bar. died lately at his lodgings there, of an indiſpoſition contracted at Gibraltar in 1728, during the ſiege. *C.* 17. Dumfermling. *P.* Dumfirmling. Wardlow. *D P.* —— *Dec.* 14. Laſt week the Wife of James Beattleſhip Carpenter in Leith, was ſafely deliver'd of 3 ſons, all like to do well: he is about 80, and had never any Children before. *C.* 22. Beattie Ship-Carpenter. *P.* —— *It is my opinion he has really none now.*

Laſt thurſ. night, the houſe of Mr. Thom Taxman of Prieſtfield Parks, was entirely conſum'd. The people had but juſt gone to bed, and the fire broke out on the outſide of the houſe, as they imagin'd. The 2 famous rogues Campbel and Moore lodg'd ſeveral weeks at this houſe, againſt whom Mr. Thom was an evidence. *C. P. D P.* 22.

Dublin, Dec. 12. We hear from Cork, that there hath lately appeared there an example, in imitation of thoſe abominable practices at Briſtol and London; &c. Upon which they had all ſuſpected houſes, and the ſhips at the Key ſearched for ſtrangers; when ſeveral idle fellows were taken up and committed to goal. *P. D P.* 19. Engliſh fellows. *C. D J.* —— *I much ſuſpect the word* Engliſh *to be an interpolation: but if it be genuine, I think it would be the beſt way for each Kingdom to call home their own Rogues.*

All application to the L. Juſtices for reſpite having prov'd in vain, this day Mr. Ric. Johnſton, ſon to the late —— Johnſton, Eſq; and brother to Counſellor Gab. Johnſton of this City, and Mr. John Porter, eldeſt ſon of Mr. Alderman Porter, late L. Mayor, were executed on account of the murder of Pat. Murphy, who was killed October 21. (as is generally believed by a knife he had thruſt haſtily into his ſide pocket, which run into his thigh on his haſtily ſitting down in a low chair, at the Union on Temple-Bar, at the time he was purſued by theſe unhappy young Gentlemen.) They both denied the facts for which they were condemned, which were for ſtabbing, and the murther of the ſaid Murphy: they owned they purſued him, but denied that they did either ſtab or wound him. The breath was ſcarce out of their bodies, when a reprieve for 49 days arrived from his Grace the D. of Dorſet.—The French Officers are ſtill here; for Capt. Machamara, with ſome of his brethren, were at an entertainment of Mr. Linch's, an eminent Merchant here, on ſund. laſt. *L E.* 19.

Dublin, Dec. 15. Meſs. Porter and Johnſon were carry'd from Newgate in a mourning coach, ſooner in the day than common, to avoid being publickly noted by the populace, &c. They ſaid, they could not tell, whether either of them gave Pat. Murphy his mortal wound: they begg'd all young Gentlemen to take warning by them to ſhun irregularities and paſſion. They were ſcarcely dead when a horſeman arriv'd with a Paper, ſaid to be a reprieve for Mr. Porter for 40 days, tho' ſome ſay it was only a Letter of recommendation to the Government to ſuſpend execution, till application ſhould be made to his Majeſty. *C. P. D J.* 22.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 17.

Yeſterday arrived the Mails due from France *and* Flanders.

Moſcow, Nov. 18. N. S. The Governor of Pultowa has written to Court, that the new Baſhaw of Bender was expected with 6000 Janizaries; and that the Coſſacks, as well thoſe under the Czarina's protection, as thoſe under the Grand Seignior's, had received orders to take an oath of fidelity to his Highneſs, and to ſend the arrears of their ordinary tribute to Conſtantinople, upon pain of death: whereupon a Courier has been diſpatched to the Governor of the Ukraine, with orders to hinder the Coſſacks under her Czarian Majeſty's juriſdiction from obeying the commands of the Porte, and to aſſure them of ſufficient ſupport, in caſe the Turks ſhould pretend to force them to take the ſaid oath. *C. In D P.* 18. *and* D J. 19.

Vienna, Dec. 9. We are aſſured, that the Imperial Miniſter at the Poliſh Court has prevailed on the King to furniſh the 6000 auxiliaries promiſed heretofore; and that a free paſſage for the 30,000 Ruſſians thro' Poland, is already granted by the King and the Republick. A few days ſince a Courier arrived from Conſtantinople, with advice that the Imperial Reſident there has had freſh aſſurances given him from the Porte, that they have no deſign to ſwerve from the Treaty of Paſſarowitz. *D P.*

Paris, Dec. 23. His Catholick Majeſty has had the S. Anthony's fire in his leg, but not ſo as to hinder his going ſometimes into his gardens, to take the diverſion of fiſhing; and at preſent he is intirely recovered. *C. P. D P.* —— The Opera of Phaeton was put off till the 21ſt, becauſe as the Rehearſal was performing the 18th Mademoiſelle Hermonie, one of the principal Actreſſes, fell thro' a trap-door open'd for the paſſage of a monſter, and bruiſed her head and her arms. *C.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 18.

Gibraltar, Nov. 16. N. S. The tranſports arrived from England remain in this Bay. The Spaniards, who have ſeveral regiments in our neighbourhood, deſigned for the expedition to Italy, have had the complaiſance to furniſh our garriſon with freſh Proviſions, &c. *P.*

Moſcow, Nov. 21. The Czarina is determined to augment her forces with at leaſt 40,000 men, ſince the Triple Alliance with the Courts of Vienna and Pruſſia, *D P.*

Hamburgh, Dec. 15. We learn from Stockholm, that the 8000 men in French pay, are now cloathed, and ready to march at the firſt warning. *Ibid.*

Cologn, Dec. 17. Letters from Switzerland take notice, that the King of Sardinia is not like to declare in haſte for the Allies of Seville, notwithſtanding the advantageous propoſals that have been made him *Ibid.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 19.

Dantzick, Dec. 4. N. S. Some Letters from Moſcow adviſe, that &c. *C. This Article was publiſhed in* D J. *Dec.* 16. *and from thence printed in our laſt* Journal.

This Day arriv'd one Mail from Holland.

Vienna, Dec. 13. There is a report, that the King and Republick of Poland have refuſed paſſage to the 30,000 Muſcovites. *E P. S J.*

Seville, Dec. 1. The Ambaſſadors and foreign Miniſters here have taken new leaſes of their houſes at Madrid, which were near expiring. *Ibid.*

Madrid, Dec. 5. Our Letters from Cadiz of the 28th paſt ſay, by way of P. S. that the Court had ordered the delivery of the Sarſaparilla, Vanilla, and other periſhable commodities by the Flotilla. *W E.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 21.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Paris, Dec. 18. N. S. In the Biſhop of Niſmes's Letter to the Card. de Fleury, in vindication of his ſpeech to the King, is the following paragraph: *Nay, ſhould the Faith (which God forbid!) be aboliſhed in the heart of the King; ſhould the King turn Heretick, or become vicious, (a ſuppoſition ſo odious, that it is ſhocking to make it) every Subject, every Biſhop would nevertheleſs owe him an inviolable fidelity and obedience. It is my religion, not the King's, that is the true principle and the ſolid foundation of the obedience I owe him; which will always make me acknowledge and revere in him a ſovereign authority, entire and abſolute, dependent only upon God, reſiding in him alone, whereof he delegates to all the members of his ſtate ſo much, for ſo long a time, and to ſuch a degree, as he thinks fit, for the maintenance of his laws, which flow from him alone, and for which he is accountable to no power upon earth.* C.

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 23.

Gibraltar, Nov. 28. For about eight or nine days paſt, we have diſcover'd upwards of 500 men working on the neck of land cloſe by the Limits; and we perceive they have now form'd a Trench with Angles from ſea to ſea, athwart the Iſthmus in a line with their Guard Huts, wherein it is judg'd they are laying the foundation of a Wall. Alſo at the weſtermoſt end of the ſaid Trench, facing the Bay, they are erecting a Fort, which will command that part of our Bay. Their preparations give us great room to think, they have a deſign to beſiege this place again; for their Barkes in great numbers are bringing daily neceſſaries to the working men, yet do not hear of any Cannon being landed; and by our Merchants of Malaga we learn, forces are order'd from all parts of Spain into the Neighbourhood of S. Roc, and their working men increaſe. *P.*

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